

Board of Madison County Health
April 5, 2006 MINUTES

On Wednesday, April 5, 2006, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Health came to order at 5:35 PM with board members Sarah Googe, Doug Young, Mary Beth Walsh and Margaret Bortko in attendance. Jill Steeley, Molly Peterson and Dave Schulz were also in attendance.

With the Chairman and Vice Chairman not in attendance, Mary Beth called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

Meeting Minute Approval:

The Board approved the minutes as amended.

Public Health Nurse Update: Molly reported to the Board that she had attended several meetings and classes which included a Regional Immunization Workshop in Butte, Evacuation Plan meetings, prenatal classes in Bozeman, and a School Wellness Policy meeting in Bozeman. She also reported that she had been regularly attending well child clinics, had completed dental screenings at the schools with Dr. Bartoletti, had participated in a MRSA presentation at the Twin Bridges school, had updated day care records, taught puberty classes to 5th and 6th graders in Twin Bridges, taught good hand washing techniques to the after school program in Ennis, and did blood pressure checks at Meals-on-Wheels in Ennis. Her future plans included healthy eating presentations to Sheridan 5th and 6th graders and the Ennis after school program, Hep A & B shots to the fire departments, Meningococcal shots to the school seniors, Lewis and Clark pedometer race with the Alder School, attend the Spring Public Health Conference, and attend the Governor's Emergency Preparedness Conference in Billings.

Public Health Administrator Update: Jill reported to the Board that she had also attended several meetings and trainings which included a Regional Immunization Workshop in Butte, Evacuation Plan meetings with other county partners, Emergency Preparedness Grant meetings, DPHHS Quarterly meetings, monthly Local Emergency Planning Committee meetings and county commissioner meetings to discuss Public Health issues. She also said she had completed the public health portion of the county evacuation plan, completed the meth presentation power point and research, completed Quarter 2 Emergency Preparedness deliverables, and completed the remaining emergency response plans (e.g. Mass Clinic Plan, Quarantine and Isolation Plan). Her future plans are to give the Meth presentation around the county with Roger Thompson, design and coordinate graphic design work on county brochures, attend the Spring Public Health Institute, Governor's Emergency Preparedness Conference, an Exercise (tabletop, drill) Design Course in Butte, a Meth Conference in Helena, and the Summer Public Health Institute in Great Falls.

Public Health Policy: Jill asked the Board if they were interested in writing Public Health policies tailored to Madison County. The Board said they felt the current Department of Public Health and Human Services (state level) policies were sufficient.

Animal Bite/Quarantine Policy: Jill said Roger Thompson had asked her opinion on the Animal Bite/Quarantine Policy in Madison County. He gave her a copy of Gallatin County's policy to review. Doug Young said if the animal does not have proof of Rabies vaccination, it must be quarantined for 10 days, as this is the amount of time it would take the animal to die if it had Rabies. He said we should let the public know that if they suspect an animal has Rabies, it should not be shot in the head, because the head is what they run the Rabies tests on. Margaret Bortko said once we decide with the Sheriff's Office on the policy – we should put a small article in the paper giving the public the details.

Public Health Budget: Jill gave copies of the YTD budget to the Board and explained that the end of the County's fiscal year is June 30, 2006. With that being said, the Board felt the budget looked well on track.

Grant Exploration: Margaret presented the Board with some Montana grades regarding intended injuries and fatalities. Montana had received an "F" in the area of Injury Prevention (e.g. bike helmet programs, horse helmet programs, seat belt laws, motorcycle helmet laws; immunization rates, Fire safety, child seat safety, etc.). Jill said she would look into grants related to these areas to improve the safety of Madison County residents.

Next Meeting: The Board said the next meeting should be scheduled around the preliminary budget meetings with the County Commissioners. Jill said she would find out when that was and would call the Board to schedule the meeting. Dave Schulz mentioned that Board members may want to sit in on the Preliminary Budget meeting to advocate for the Public Health Department and programs.

*The next Board of Health Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, 2006 at 5:30 PM. Copies of the budget will be faxed to the Board members before hand for their review.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.